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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/226,939

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John K. Vincent, et al  
Serial No.: 09/226,939  
Filed: January 8, 1999  
Group No.: 2162  
Examiner: Anh Ly  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: February 4, 2009  
Confirmation No.: 8916  
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RECURSIVE PATH  
ANALYSIS OF DBMS PROCEDURES**

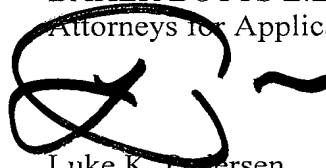
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 40-74 (renumbered as 1-35). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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